GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE FORCE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh has requested for assistance for equipping its police force with Unmanned Air Vehicles (UAVs) to check extremist activity; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERS(PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) & (b): The Government of Andhra Pradesh had submitted a proposal for procurement of an Unmanned Air Vehicle for surveillance of the Nexalite infested areas in the State in June, 1998. It was examined in consultation with the Ministry of Defence and the Border Security Force and not found useful for the purpose for which it was proposed to be acquired. The State Government was accordingly informed in April, 1999.